

background surface or panel and said translucent panel is between 12 millimeters and 85 millimeters (.5 and 3.4 inches).

6. The method of reducing the effect of shadows on items in display devices consisting of.
- a) affixing an opaque background surface or panel perpendicular to a floor or wall surface or utilizing a floor or wall surface as the opaque background,
 - b) positioning a translucent panel of approximately the same or less area as said opaque background panel, substantially parallel to said opaque surface or panel, directly in front of or above said opaque surface or panel and at a predetermined distance between 1 and 185 millimeters (.04 to 7.3 inches) from said opaque surface or panel,
 - c) affixing support means to said translucent panel (on side opposite said opaque background surface or panel) to hold items for display,
 - d) providing a light source to illuminate said display items.

Abstract of Disclosure

A display device is created by utilizing an acrylic sheet (frosted throughout) and an opaque surface or panel. The acrylic sheet or panel is placed substantially parallel to the opaque surface or panel such that the acrylic sheet or panel and the opaque surface or panel are separated by a distance of between 1 and 185 millimeters (.04 to 7.3 inches). Display items are mounted to the acrylic sheet or panel on side opposite the opaque surface or panel. Shadows cast by the display items or display supports on the acrylic are "absorbed" by the acrylic sheet or panel due to the spacing between the acrylic sheet or panel and the opaque background surface or panel.

A method of creating a display device to minimize or eliminate shadows caused by display items or holders is included.